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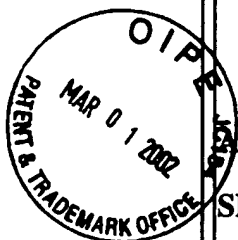
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- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e).
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The listed item was cited in an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-191758, dated July 13, 1999, together with an English language Abstract are enclosed herewith.

The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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